THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI AURN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) the Approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

Plan for Development of Telangana

595. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to develop the backward Telangana region especially in irrigation, education, power, industry and other key sectors; and

(b) the amount proposed to be granted for the development of the region to contain naxalite movements in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI AURN SHOURIE): (a) planning Commission approves Development plan for the State, as a whole and not as broken down amongst its regions. The preparation of development projects and their dovetailing with the existing development programmes, for a particular region, is prerogative of the State Government. The Annual Plan for the year 2001-02 for the State of Andhra Pradesh is yet to be finalized.

(b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a three year (1996-97 to 1998-99) Action Plan for strengthening of police force and the socio-economic development of the Naxalite-affected tribal areas with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1299.17 crore. The action Plan was examined, keeping in view similar problems, being experienced in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. For the Socio-economic development of this region, the State Government have to dovetail the proposed programmes with the existing development programmes in the Naxalite affected areas and approach the concerned Central Ministries' for assistance under their respective Central schemes.

Funds under non-lapsable pool

596. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the accruals and expenditure from the non-lapsable pool giving Ministry-wise details of surrenders to be non-lapsable pool and the State-wise details of the projects sanctioned and fund released;

(b) whether the States encounter any difficulties in getting fund released for sanctioned projects under non-lapsable pool during 2000-2001;

(c) if so, the steps taken to tackle the situation; and

(d) what was the corpus available during 2000-2001 under non-lapsable pool and pendency position of the Projects submitted by the various State Governments; what are the steps being taken to expedite sanction of the pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) So far, an amount of Rs. 941.07 crores has been released from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the various projects/schemes in the North-East and Sikkim. Details are annexed. [*See* Appendix 193, Annexure No. 9]

An exercise to identify the availability of funds in the Pool has since been initiated.

All schemes received from the various State Governments in the North East (and Sikkim) proposed to be funded out of the Central Pool are under active consideration.

(b) and (c) During 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 399.45 crores was recommended for release from the Pool for the various projects in the North East (and Sikkim). Against this recommended amount, an amount of Rs. 313.04 crores was released during 2000-2001 and Rs. 86.16 crores (as on date) during 2001-2002.

Growth Rate Target for Ninth Plan

597. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate target set for the Ninth Five Year Plan period and the achievements made so far;

(b) whether higher targets have been set for the Tenth and Eleventh Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) the target growth rate of the economy, measured by growth rate